

Benjamin Dyer House
North Pamet Road
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PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit This is a Greek Revival "double house" located within the area of the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore.

Condition of fabric Good. Changes have been made since the house was built, however the exterior in general retains the early character.

EXTERIOR

Overall dimensions. 20 x 32, approximately.

Foundations Brick.

Wall construction Not exposed, but is apparently vertical plank construction with red painted clapboards on the north side of the house, with wood shingles on the other sides.

Porches, stoops Brick stoop at main entrance, on the north.

Chimneys Three brick chimneys.

Openings - doorways and doors 6 panel wood door with 5 light transom at main entrance.

windows and shutters 9/6 panes in wood double hung sash, appears to be original trim and frame.

Roof - shape, covering Pitched, gabled goof, composition shingles.

cornice, eaves Wood, box cornice; narrow eaves.

dormers A dormer was added to the rear, south side, of the shed placed at the side of the east room of the original house.

INTERIOR

Floor plans "Double house" with main entrance centrally located on the north side facing the road. This is not the typical orientation of houses in this area, which was generally to build the house facing the south. The entrance is flanked by a two window west room and by a two window east room. Remodeling of the interior has resulted in a plan that is dissimilar to the general plan of the early house found on Cape Cod. A frame shed was added at an unknown to the east side of the east front room, and a kitchen ell was added to this, also at an unknown date. The second floor has been changed in plan, also.

Stairways One stairway with 9, 7" treads, approximately 5'-6" run, leading from the east room to the second floor.

Flooring Random width (3" to 14") pine boards.

Wall and ceiling finish Plastered walls and ceilings. Some rooms have painted walls, others are papered. Wood wainscoting to height of window stool is still in place in the east room.

Doorways and doors 4 panel interior wood doors.

Trim Much of the original trim has been replaced.

Hardware Mostly modern, with an old lift and latch bar on the front door.

Lighting Electric.

Heating Hot air furnace with floor ducts.

SITE

Orientation House faces north, on lot including 14 acres of land. The house sets very close to the road.

Enclosures None.

Outbuildings Shingled out house and shed back of house.

Walks, driveways None.

Landscaping Shrubbery, trees, in good condition, with neat appearance.

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